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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) visited Catholic Charities in Cortland County to present a Recovery Bill grant worth \$327,318 to be used to address homelessness and provide housing assistance in Cortland County.

"Providing Cortland County this Recovery Bill funding to protect and provide for the area's homeless and less fortunate is critical to so many in the region," **Arcuri said**, "I want to thank the men and women at Catholic Charities for their hard work and dedication to such a noble cause and I offer my full support to projects in the future."

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Cortland County includes approximately 74 individuals and families considered to be homeless. Funding for this grant was made possible by the Recovery Bill, which Arcuri voted for earlier this year, and awarded through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Funds will provide services to local families at-risk of homelessness while helping those already homeless to find stable housing. Services to be provided include: short-term or medium-term rental assistance, legal services, case management and/or financial counseling.

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